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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Paul W. Watt et al.
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THEREOF

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2000, for one(1) month(s) from April 22, 2001 to May 22, 2001. A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith.

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